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The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The disputes in Modern Theatres, Limited, Salem, on the issue of dismissal of R. Seshachalam and P. Sidhan has been referred to the Industrial Tribunal, Coimbatore, for adjudication.

Government Hospital, Perintalamanna

* 3415 *Q.*—Sri K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum from the Citizens of Perintalamanna and Mankada firkas of South Malabar through the Hon. the Chief Minister when he visited Perintalamanna on 23rd April 1955 regarding the improvements to the buildings of the Government Hospital, Perintalamanna and the appointment of a lady doctor in the same hospital ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) A proposal for certain improvements to the Hospital and for the employment of additional staff was considered by the Government, but was deferred due to financial stringency.

Sri K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Sir, this matter has been brought to the notice of the Government repeatedly for the last so many years. There is a Hospital Advisory Committee there and after its constitution up to now recommendations were made regarding the improvements to the hospital and appointment of a lady doctor. The question was raised in this House by means of interpellations and by the speeches made on the floor of the House as also by cut motions given notice of to the appropriate Demand. In spite of all these things and even through representations made to the Hon. Ministers including the Hon. the Chief Minister, Government now seem to have deferred such an important matter concerning the public of the whole taluk for another period. May I know whether the Hon. Minister will consider sympathetically making provisions for the improvement of the hospital and for the appointment of a lady doctor?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : Government are aware, Sir, of the need for increasing bed-strength and employing additional staff in ever so many hospitals in Malabar as well as in other districts. A provision of Rs. 123 odd lakhs has been made in the Second Five-Year Plan for improvements to Taluk Headquarters Hospitals. The need of this hospital will be duly considered.

Sri O. KORAN : Perintalamanna is a growing headquarters town and there are no Local Fund Dispensaries. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to add a few more beds to the hospital and sanction additional staff, as the necessity for both is greatly felt?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : There is a proposal for increasing bed-strength and appointing additional staff. Proposals

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will be called for from the Director of Medical Service in due course. As I have already stated, there is enough provision for the Taluk Headquarters Hospitals.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether Government would appoint a lady doctor for that hospital? This is very essential because there are no Local Fund hospitals in that area and a lady doctor is very necessary.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : This matter will be duly considered.

MR. SPEAKER : Question time is over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1956-57—*cont.*

(1) DEMAND XI—DISTRICT ADMINISTRATON AND MISCELLANEOUS—*cont.*

* The HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the debate on this demand yesterday, hon. Members covered very many subjects because this demand relating to District Administration and Miscellaneous is a very wide one. In fact, I noted as many as forty-nine subjects which were referred to by hon. Members. But, Sir, with the limited time at my disposal, even if I take only a minute for each topic, I may not be able to cover all the points raised by hon. Members. Anyhow, I will take up certain major subjects first and then deal one by one with the minor subjects, as long as time permits. 10 a.m.

Hon. Members said that the District Administration should be improved in its working. It is only with that object that Government appointed a committee, the District Revenue Administration Enquiry Committee, in 1954. The committee after enquiry submitted a detailed report copies of which were placed on the table of the House. Not only that Government after examining the recommendations made by the committee passed orders on some of the recommendations but a booklet was also placed on the table of the House embodying the orders issued by the Government. A second booklet will be placed on the table of the House as soon as orders are passed on the remaining issues and recommendations. I am glad the hon. Member from Tirumangalam, Sri Thevar, spoke well and correctly about the attitude of the district officials. He said how in olden days under the bureaucratic set up the conduct of the officials was different and how now after we attained independence, the officials are attuning themselves to the present circumstances and identifying themselves with the people and trying their best to work for the establishment of a welfare State. He also readily conceded that this has not changed to the extent people expected. The change over has necessarily to be a slow process because having accustomed to a particular way of conduct and